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SUBJ:ACTIVITIES OF CHILEAN EXILES

1. FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS JUAN JOSE FERNANDEZ READ TO POL COUNSELOR NOV 30 LONG EXCERPTS FROM DESPATCH SENT TO FONMINISTRY BY CHILEAN CHARGE IN PARIS ON SUBJECT, BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY GUILLERMO RIVEROS CALDERON, A PDC LEADER AND MEMBER OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD (CONSEJERO) IN FORMER CUT LABOR CONFEDERATION INVITED TO SEVERAL EASTERN EUROPEAN LABOR MEETINGS. FERNANDEZ SAID RIVEROS HAD LATER RETURNED TO SANTIAGO AND GIVEN FULLER INFORMATION ON SAME SUBJECT TO GOC, AND HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY FONMIN HUERTA FOR SAME PURPOSE.

2. INFORMATION IN DESPATCH WAS BASICALLY AN ELABORATION OF INFORMATION IN PUBLIC DOMAIN CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF ALLENDE-APPOINTED AMBASSADORS IN EUROPE, AND POLITICIANS WHO WERE IN EUROPE AT TIME OF ALLENDE'S OUSTER INCLUDING FORMER SEN. VOLODIA TEITELBOIM (COMMUNIST) AND FORMER MINHOUSING JULIO
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BENITEZ (SOCIALIST). FOCUS WAS ON SUCH ACTIVITIES AS HELSINKI

MEETING, PARIS DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE CHILEAN EMBASSY, AND A YOUTH CONGRESS IN TURIN. ACCORDING TO RIVEROS, TEITELBOIM REMAINS IN MOSCOW AS HEAD OF RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION OF EXILES FINANCED BY SOVIETS, WITH LINKS WORLDWIDE IN ADDITION TO TIES WITH UNDERGROUND CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY. IN ADDITION TO PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATION SUPPOSEDLY PLANS SUCH SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES AS CRIPPLING CHILEAN NAVAL CRAFT UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN BRITISH SHIPYARDS AND CLOSING MARKETS TO CHILEAN COPPER. INFILTRATION INTO CHILE ALSO PLANNED, USING BUSINESSMEN AND OTHERS NOT LIKELY AROUSE GOC SUSPICION IN ORDER MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH RESISTANCE ELEMENTS INSIDE CHILE AND HOPEFULLY TO EXTRICATE UP POLITICIANS NOW IN DETENTION CENTERS OR IN HIDING.

3. FERNANDEZ SAID ESTIMATE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO MINISTRY IS THAT RIVEROS IS A PLANT, SENT WITH PSYWAR AIMS. NEVERTHELESS, GOC IS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS INTERESTED IN ACTIVITIES OF FORMER UP FIGURES NOW ABROAD, AND HE ASKED CONCERN OF GOC IN THIS REGARD BE MADE KNOWN TO USG.

4. COMMENT. PURPOSE OF FERNANDEZ WAS OBVIOUSLY TO CONVEY BY IMPLICATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN THIS AREA DEVELOPED BY US AGENCIES. EMBLABATT KNOWS RIVEROS WELL AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE LOYAL MEMBER PDC, GOOD REPUTATION AMONG NON-MARXIST LABOR LEADERS. HE WOULD PERSONALLY DISCOUNT THEORY THAT RIVEROS MARXIST "PLANT," BUT FEELS HE IS NOT ABOVE MAKING FEW EXTRA POINTS WITH PRESENT GOVT.
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